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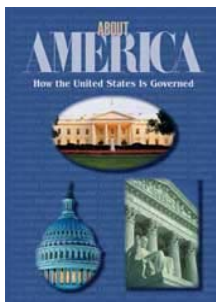
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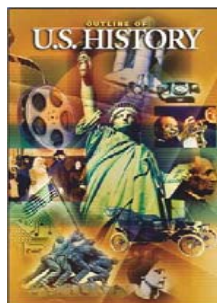
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- International Students Find a Home and a Global Purpose
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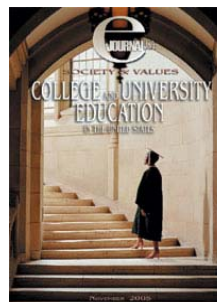
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Outline of U.S. History



A chronological look at how the United States took shape -- from its origins as an obscure set of colonies on the Atlantic coast a little more than 200 years ago into what one political analyst today calls "the first universal nation." This fully illustrated edition has been completely revised and updated by Alonzo L. Hamby, Distinguished Professor of History at Ohio University. (November 2005)

About America: How the United States Is Governed



"How the United States Is Governed" describes how federal, state, and local governments are elected, how they operate, and how the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government relate under the U.S. constitutional system. It also highlights how nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) and other institutions allow Americans to influence and shape government policy. This publication contains a glossary and a list of useful Web sites. (October 2005)

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ACEH, INDONESIA

1. The Day the Sea Came, Part I: A Ghost in the Water

By Barry Bearak, *The New York Times Magazine*, November 27, 2005, 10 pg

In the city of Banda Aceh, the tsunami of last Dec. 26 swept away some 90,000 people. This is the story of that day, and of six men and women who lived to tell of it. This is one of the fourth part of the articles. The other 3 part are: The Day the Sea Came, Part II: The Sea Is Coming; The Day the Sea Came, Part III: Living Among the Dead; and The Day the Sea Came, Part IV: A Special Burden.

DEMOCRACY

2. Faith in Democracy

By James W. Ceaser, *Weekly Standard*, vol. 11, no. 8, November 7, 2005, pp. 26-34

The outcome of democratic reform in the Middle East will rely on addressing the problems associated with the interactions of faith and politics, writes author James Ceaser. Western fears of Islamic fundamentalism in the past lead to ambivalence about democracy in the Middle East, he notes. Now, threats by fundamentalists, he says, has lead many to ask why the West should support democracy in many countries, such as Iraq, where elections may bring fundamentalists to power. According to the author, one solution to this dilemma is "to determine whether the fundamentalism vs. democracy dilemma is as intractable as many have depicted it."

ECONOMIC SECURITY AND TRADE

3. The Dangers of Reducing Industrial Tariffs

By Ha-Joon Chang, *Challenge*, November/December 2005, pp. 50-63

The author says that plans to reduce industrial tariffs during the next round of World Trade Organization talks have greater consequences than plans to reduce agricultural trade restrictions. Do the developing nations fully understand what they are giving up? This development specialist says they had better wake up to the consequences.

4. Exporting Textiles & Clothing: What's the Cost for LDCs?

By Matthias Knappe, *International Trade Forum*, no. 1, 2005, pp. 19-24

Knappe, senior market advisor at the International Trade Centre, says the end of quotas in the textile and clothing industry benefits large Asian producers, but other countries still have a stake in the business. It is not clear, he explains, what will happen in least developed countries (LDCs) and other small, vulnerable countries with low-value products, fragmented industries reliant on quota protection, and little regional cooperation. LDCs will need to change their strategy to survive the higher standards brought on by increased competition, he says. Some of Knappe's recommendations are: take over responsibilities along the textile and clothing value chain, accelerate South-South cooperation to tap into the markets of other developing countries, cooperate regionally to benefit as much as possible from preferential and differential treatment, and address weaknesses in trade facilitation to create the necessary enabling environment for business.

INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION

5. Drug Test

By Daniel Schulman, *Columbia Journalism Review*, Nov/Dec 2005, pp. 44-50

Does thimerosal cause autism? The press (mostly) says no; the facts say maybe. Daniel Schulman takes stock of this emotionally and scientifically difficult story. For a time it appeared the controversy over thimerosal would end there. It didn't. Over the past seven months, it has

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gained traction again, leaving journalists in an awkward position. The thimerosal question — scientifically, politically, and emotionally complex — is proving to be a test for journalism, and the successes and failures are evident in the coverage.

6. A Risky Gamble With Google

By Siva Vaidhyanathan, Chronicle of Higher Education (12/02/05) vol. 52, no. 15, pp. 45-53

Though Google's effort to digitize and offer free online access to millions of books from major English-language libraries is an exciting prospect, New York University professor Siva Vaidhyanathan contends that the initiative could compromise much of the freedom and integrity that libraries and other reference resources embody for scholars, researchers, and the general public. Google's reputation as an egalitarian information resource can only be sustained through expansion, and its mission statement to index the world's data raises issues of propriety while also implying that libraries, universities, and other traditional disseminators of information can no longer perform such duties adequately, according to Vaidhyanathan. The author warns that the Google Library Project increases the risk of privacy infringement, as Google's privacy policy makes no promise that the company will keep patrons' individual reading records from the FBI or local law enforcement

7. The Nonprofit World in California: Knowledge Management on a Shoestring

By Patti Larson, Jane Levy, and Marcia Schmitz, Information Outlook, November 2005, vol. 9, no. 11, pp. 38-41

Nonprofit organizations touch all of our lives, providing essential services on which every community relies. Nonprofit organizations range from hospitals and museums to soup kitchens and women's shelters to local day-care centers and elder-care groups. By helping to eliminate critical errors and allowing nonprofits to stay focused on their primary mission of improving communities throughout California, nonprofit information specialists play a critical role and have a significant impact on work in the nonprofit sector. The nonprofit information specialist is frequently the first resource that board members, staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations, as well as the general public, contact to find answers to their questions.

GLOBAL ISSUES

8. Do Global Attitudes and Behaviors Support Sustainable Development?

By Anthony A. Leiserowitz, Environment; November 2005, vol. 47, issue 9, pp. 22-38

This article synthesized and reviews what is currently known about global attitudes and behavior that will either support or discourage a global sustainability transition. Many advocates of sustainable development recognize that a transition to global sustainability (meeting human needs while maintaining earth's life-support systems) will require changes in human values, attitudes and behaviors. The article presents an assortment of charts that examine how different countries view themselves in terms of sustainable development.

9. Avian Flu: Business Thinks the Unthinkable

By John Carey, Business Week, November 28, 2005, pp. 36-39

This article argues that there will be a global flu pandemic "sometime, somewhere" and details how multinational corporations are preparing for this possibility, as well as the economic problems that a massive viral outbreak could cause. The author states that the pandemic will most likely begin in Asia, due to close mingling of large numbers of people and poultry that is exposed to new strains of flu that could then jump to humans. At the pessimistic end, the direst predictions are that a flu crisis could precipitate a worldwide economic depression and cause hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States alone, as well as disrupt essential public services throughout the world. Corporations, however, are beginning to plan for this possibility by staying abreast of the latest information, making it possible for employees to work from home, preparing to pull their people out of the worst locations, and cross-training employees in the event of mass absenteeism. Other possible measures: improving air circulation at the office, staggering work hours, and persuading people not to come to work and spread disease to others when they're feeling sick themselves.

U.S. SOCIETY AND VALUES

10. Why Here, Why Now? Young Muslim Women Wearing Hijab

By Syed Ali, The Muslim World, October 2005, vol. 95, no. 4, pp. 515-530

Ali argues that hijah-wearing is being taken up now by young, second-generation immigrant women also because of shifts in the American social landscape in the late 1980s and 90s, shifts that point to new aspects of Muslim identity in the US.

11. Romancing the Globe

By Ibsen Martínez, Foreign Policy, November/December 2005, no. 151, pp. 48-52

Latin American soap operas have circled the globe and made a splash in places as far flung as Poland, Russia, and Indonesia. Their secret? Plotlines that keep the poor and underprivileged glued to their sets. Now these surprising Latin exports are part of the global cultural establishment—and taking on Hollywood heavyweights.

12. Boomer Century

By Joshua Zeitz, American Heritage, vol. 56, no. 5, October 2005, pp. 32-49

In this examination of the "Baby Boom" generation, Zeitz asks, "What's going to happen when the most prosperous, best-educated generation in history finally grows up? (And just how special are the baby boomers?)." He discusses the trends that caused the explosion of births between 1946 and 1964, describes the societal forces that shaped this group rooted in time instead of place or race, and explores both the contradictory and unifying aspects of the generation that continues to define "the limits and promise of American life." Sidebars look at the baby boomers' cars, toys, and movies; feature a photo gallery of famous boomers; include a defense of the generation by novelist Benjamin Cheever; and provide a bibliography.

13. "We Will Swing Again": A Special Report on New Orleans

By Jason Koransky, et al. Down Beat, vol. 72, no. 11, November 2005, pp. 32-42

Hurricane Katrina wreaked devastation on New Orleans -- and wiped out its music scene. The birthplace of jazz is a wreck: clubs were destroyed and musicians forced to flee to all parts of the country. In this series of articles, six authors interview jazz and other musicians on what they endured during the hurricane and ensuing floods, discuss what the future of music will be in New Orleans, and how music will play a role in the Crescent City's recovery.

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